

Chiayi County

The Administration

Magistrate/
Chang, Hwa-Kuan



Deputy Magistrate/
Wu, Fang-Ming



Population/ 515,000

The Geography

Area/ 734.2399 mile²

The Economy

Current Income /

USD \$745.37 million

Disposable Income per capita

USD \$8,043.05

Major Industries

- Agriculture
- Aquaculture and Fishing
- Construction
- Food, Wood and Bamboo, Furniture Manufacturing
- Personal Service Activities

Major Industrial Parks

- Chiayi Herbs Biotechnology Park
- Dapumei Intelligent Industrial Park
- Chiayi Science Park
(Machouhou Industrial Park)
- Minsyong Industrial Park
- Touciao Industrial Park
- Puzih Industrial Park
- Yijhu Industrial Park
- Jiatai Industrial Park
- Singang Industrial Park

2017 Trade Shows

March

- International Tea Culture Exchange Exhibition



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Major Policies

Chiayi's New Era Agriculture

- Aims to transition from traditional agriculture to modern quality agriculture.
- In accordance with increasing awareness regarding food safety issues, Chiayi County will open the first “Food Safety Building” by 2017.
- This project will bring the upstream and downstream ends of agricultural production together, setting up a food safety control system that encourages quality agriculture.
- Agricultural production will implement J-GAP, an internationally-recognized agricultural production standard.

Industries

- Dapumei Precision Machinery Park focuses on the precision machinery industry. Several precision machinery manufactures, such as Hiwin and Hota (global customers include Tesla Motor Inc.), reside in the park and intend to expand.
- In collaboration with the Taichung's newly-established Smart Machinery Office, Chiayi County expects to stimulate related industries and attract more professionals.

Cultural Tourism

- Tourism and cultural exchange to Vietnam will be promoted, benefiting from Vietjet Air's Kaohsiung—Ho Chi Minh City route. This ties in with President Tsai's South Bound Policy.
- Chiayi County is calling for direct flights from Chiayi to Vietnam. A representative of the Taiwan Travel Agent Association, Li Chiyue, has signed a direct flight plan with Vietnamese Travel Agents to promote southbound tourism and offset the loss of Mainland Chinese tourists.

Green Energy

Solar Energy

- The Bureau of Energy expects to build most of its solar plants in abandoned salt farms in Chiayi County and Tainan City, and is seeking investors. The plan aims to meet the Tsai administration's non-nuclear energy policy by 2025.
- The housing community for Typhoon Morakot victims is the first permanent housing within Chiayi County to install green energy. The housing was established in 2014 and is located in the Luzaijiao Zhulu Community of Fanlu Township. Houses are equipped with rooftop PVs, which are expected to recoup their costs within four to five years.
- Floating solar panels are expected to be installed at Lantan reservoir. Taiwan Water Corporation estimates that the paving area is roughly 3 percent of the water surface. The project is under discussion due to concerns over water quality and landscape destruction.

Budai Harbor

- Budai Harbor consists of the Budai commercial harbor, third fishing harbor and marina.
- The first route between Budai Harbor and Longmen Harbor, Penghu was established in April 2017, which saves approximately 30 minutes of travel time to Penghu.
- Chiayi County expects to transform the harbor into an international commercial port by extending the north-south sea wall, a project budgeted at approximately USD \$100-166 million (NT\$3-5 billion). This will allow greater access for 5000-ton and above passenger ships and boost regional tourism and recreation. The Executive Yuan may include this project in the "Forward-looking Infrastructure Development Program."



Major
Infrastructure
Projects

Southern Branch of the National Palace Museum

- The museum opened in December 2015.
- The museum received Diamond-level Taiwan Green Building certification and also Gold-level certification as a “smart building.”
- The Southern Branch aims to achieve cultural equity between northern and southern Taiwan, providing educational, cultural and economic functions to the region through the Grand National Palace Museum Expansion Plan. It primarily focuses on Asian art and culture.
- The museum is equipped with solar and wind power facilities and is designed to prevent floods and earthquakes. The total construction budget is approximately USD \$263 million (NT \$7.934 billion).

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